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The Emperor of Brazil, who is distinguished as much by his varied learning as by his high political position, was present at the stated meeting of the Society, held June 27.

On the evening of July 7, the gentlemen officially connected with the International Exhibition, and many others, were received and entertained in the Academy, the entire expense being borne by several generous members of the Society.

In August, Professor Huxley was invited, in anticipation of his coming to Philadelphia, to be present at the meetings of the Society, but he regretted his inability to accept the invitation. He arrived in the city about two o'clock P. M. of Thursday, Sept. 14, and spent two or three hours of the afternoon in the museum. The next afternoon he departed for New York.

At the instance of the Centennial Commission, a committee was appointed Oct. 10, "to investigate and report upon the introduction of new species of insects and plants through the medium of foreign exhibits at the Centennial Exhibition."

The report in relation to the introduction of insects, by Drs. J. L. Le Conte, Geo. H. Horn, and Joseph Leidy, was made Nov. 14. The labors of the botanists of the committee are necessarily deferred until the ensuing spring; the results of their observations cannot be expected until some time next year.

The stated meetings of the Society in the new locality, contrary to the anticipation of some of the members, have been more numerous attended than those in the old hall, and have been no less interesting.

In behalf of the council I have to report that its stated meetings have been regularly held, and the matters submitted to it have been carefully considered.

Respectfully, etc.,

W. S. W. RUSCHENBERGER.

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

During the twelve months ending Nov. 30, 1876, ninety members and nineteen correspondents have been elected.

Announcement was made of the death of two members—J. S. Phillips and Geo. Washington Smith.

Twenty-seven papers have been presented for publication, as follows: Wm. H. Dall, three; Wm. M. Gabb, three; Edw. D.

Cope, two; Geo. A. Koenig, two; Mariano Bárcena, two; and J. A. Allen, H. C. Chapman, Chas. A. White, D. S. Jordan and H. E. Copeland, Geo. Hay, Harrison Allen, Isaac Lea, Wm. G. Mazyck, Herman Strecker, Chas. Pickering, Wm. G. Binney, J. A. Ogden, Jos. Leidy, T. A. Conrad, and Theo. Gill each one. Dr. Leidy's paper and one of those presented by Mr. Gabb were accepted for the Journal; the others were ordered to be published in the Proceedings.

The verbal communications have been much more numerous than heretofore, scarcely a meeting having been held at which some subject of scientific interest was not discussed. These communications have been for the most part reported by their authors for publication in the Proceedings.

Reports of the meetings continue to be published in two of the evening papers with, it is believed, the good effect alluded to in my last report.

During the year the ninety-five concluding pages of the Proceedings for 1875, and two hundred pages for 1876, with ten lithographic plates, one of them colored, have been issued. No portion of the Journal has been published, but artists are employed on plates illustrating papers by Dr. Leidy and Mr. Gabb, and it is hoped that the next part may be completed during the coming year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. NOLAN,
Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

The Librarian respectfully reports that the additions to the library, during the twelve months ending November 30, 1876, amount to 2491. This is in excess of the increase for any other year of which we have a record, except that for 1850, when the late Dr. Thos. B. Wilson, and his brother Edw. Wilson, contributed a larger number of books than at any previous or subsequent period.

Of the additions during the past year 683 were volumes, 1784 pamphlets and parts of periodicals, and 24 maps, photographs, etc.; 1889 were octavos, 508 quartos, 44 folios, and 26 duodecimos.